

REMARKS

I. Status:

Applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for his thoughtful review of the application and the previous amendments entered November 2, 2009 and February 16, 2010, as set forth in the Office Action dated May 24, 2010. Claims 7-59 are currently pending.

In the May 24 Office Action, the Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species under 35 USC §121. In particular, the Examiner has identified Species 1 as being defined by claims 22, 37, and 50 and Species 2 as defined by claims 23, 38, and 51. Pointing to the specification at page 12, line 21, the Examiner has indicated that the subject species are mutually exclusive. The Examiner has deemed generic the remaining claims, including the base and intervening claims of each of the foregoing identified species claims.

II. Election of Species:

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Species 1 for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 7-22, 34-37, 39-50, and 52-59 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right at a later date to request rejoinder and consideration of claims directed to one or more different species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing election, it is submitted that present claims 7-22, 34-37, 39-50, and 52-59 are patentable over the cited references and are in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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